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SUBJECT: TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BOARD EXAMINATION OF US/INDIA
TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: EC BRUSSELS

1. MEYNELL, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS INFORMED US OF THE COMMUNITY'S TACTICS FOR
THE OCTOBER 12 THROUGH 14 MEETING OF THE TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE
BOARD (TSB).

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2. IN A STRATEGY MEETING ON OCTOBER 3, SEVERAL MEMBER STATES

SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMUNITY COMPLAIN TO THE TSB AGAINST THE US/INDIA AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE MEMBER STATES WERE NOT UNANIMOUS. CONSEQUESNTLY, THE MEETING FINALLY DECIDED TO INSTRUCT ITS REPRESENTATIVE (MEYNELL) THAT HE SHOULD DURING THE TSB MEETING ADOPT A POSTURE OF A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE US/INDIA AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO SEE HOW IT COULD BE RECONCILED WITH THE MULTI-FIBER ARRANGEMENT. THIS DECISION WAS MADE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO A POSSIBLE LATER DECISION ON FILING A FORMAL COMPLAINT.

3. MEYNELL SAID THAT THE MOTIVES OF THE MEMEBER STATES IN ADOPTING THIS POSITION WAS MIXED. SOME BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD MODEL ITS OWN AGREEMENTS ALONG THE LINES OF THE US AGREEMENT. OTHERS DOUBT THAT THE US/INDIA AGREEMENT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE MULTI-FIBER AGREEMENT.

4. MEYNELL SAID THAT HE WISHED TO INFORM US AS A COURTESY PRIOR TO THE TSB MEETING OF THE POSITION THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE TAKING AND TO LET US KNOW THAT HE BELIEVS HE WILL NEED TO BE SEARCHING IN HIS QUESTIONS.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE COMMUNITY'S OWN TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA (REFTEL), MEYNELL SAID THAT,WITH LUCK, AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING THE COMMITTEE OF PERMENANT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) MAY DECIDE TO LIFT THEIR RESERVES ON THE COMMISSIONS'S PROPOSAL FOR A DATE TO NEGOTIATE WITH PAKISTAN AND INDIA. THE MATTER WOULD THEN HAVE A FAIRLY TORROUS LEGAL PATH TO FOLLOW,I.E. IT WOULD NEED TO BE TREATED AS THE POINTA-ROUTINE-ITEM FOR THE MID-OCTOBER FOREIGN MINISTERS' COUNCIL MEETING AND IT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN A FAILRY COMPLICATED PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE.

HOWEVER, ONCE THE COREPER HAD MADE ITS DECISION, MEYNELL BELIEVED HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ASK INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO SET UP MEETING.MYERSON

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